

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION**

M.D., by her next friend, Sarah R. Stukenberg, *et al.*,

*Plaintiffs,*

VS.

GREG ABBOTT, in his official capacity §  
as Governor of the State of Texas, et al., §

*Defendants.*

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:11-CV-00084

**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE FOR DEFENDANT JAIME**  
**MASTERS, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS COMMISSIONER**  
**OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

TO THE HONORABLE JANIS GRAHAM JACK, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
JUDGE:

Defendant Jaime Masters, in her official capacity as Commissioner of the Department of Family and Protective Services of the State of Texas, files this Notice of Appearance of Laura A. Smith as additional counsel for Defendant Masters. This notice is filed subject to the granting of Ms. Smith's Motion for Admission *Pro Hac* Vice, which is being filed contemporaneously with this notice. Ms. Smith confirms that she has familiarized herself with the Local Rules of the Southern District of Texas and the procedures outlined in the Honorable Janis Jack's Order Regarding Cases Assigned to Janis Graham Jack, U.S. District Judge.

Laura A. Smith, Assistant Attorney General, Texas Bar No. 24126039, will appear as additional counsel for Defendant Masters in this case. Ms. Smith is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on May 31, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served via e-service and/or email on all parties of record.

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